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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



Join us in celebrating and welcoming new workers to the Texas District!

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WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

Pray for those in need of guidance, affirmation, healing, relief, and assurance.

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Mark Barz (Crown of Life, San Antonio) - healing from blood clot
 - Vicar Devin Jackson (Trinity, Fairfield) - recovery and continued cancer treatments after surgery
 - Rev. Josh Knippa (Holy Cross, Nederland) - recovery after follow-up surgery
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New Calls

Commissioned

Accepted

Josh McNamara, DCE, Epiphany, Houston to DCE, St. Paul, Waco

Undecided

Sarah Valencia, DCE, CrossRoad, Katy to DCE, St. John, Cypress

Ordained

Undecided

Rev. Micah Drengler, Assoc., Living Word, The Woodlands to Sole, Redeemer, Beaumont

Rev. Andrew Guagenti, Sole, Holy Cross, Shelbyville, KY to Sole, St. Paul, Vernon

Rev. Andrew Guagenti, Sole, Holy Cross, Shelbyville, KY to Sole, Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls

Rev. David Murillo, Sr., St. Paul, San Antonio to Holy Cross, Miami, FL

Rev. Mark Novacek, SMP, Concordia, San Antonio to SMP, St. John's, Union, IL

Upcoming Installations

Rev. Scott Herbert // September 8, 3:00 p.m. // ITP, Zion, Tomball

Rev. Phil Phifer // August 11, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Peace, Groves

Rev. Kyle Richardson // August 11, 4:00 p.m. // Sole, St. Paul, Wilson

Ordination Anniversaries // August

65 years

Rev. Walter Harms (8/1) - Em., Austin

45 years

Rev. Ruben Dominguez-Martinez (8/8) -

Em., McAllen

Rev. David McKnight (8/12) - Em., San

Antonio

40 years

Rev. Craig Whitson (8/26) - Em.,

Coldspring

35 years

Rev. Greg Lorenz (8/13) - St. Paul,

McAllen

30 years

Rev. Arthur Maynard (8/7) - Em., Pipe

Creek

20 years

Rev. Ray Van Buskirk (8/1) - St. Peter,
Houston

Rev. Robert Lutjens (8/8) - St. John,
Wharton

Rev. Aaron Lytle (8/15) - Oikos, Houston

Rev. Jon Meyer (8/29) - Holy Trinity,
Lexington

15 years

Rev. Chris Brynestad (8/9) - King of
Kings, Round Rock

5 years

Rev. Paul Terral (8/11) - Faith,
Gainesville

Funeral Announcement

Our heavenly Father, on Saturday, July 27, 2024, called to His side His servant, **Rev. Norm Finke (Em., Waxahachie)**. His funeral will be held at Christ the King, Waxahachie (301 Hwy 287 Bypass West) on Tuesday, August 13. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Greg Finke will officiate. Please keep Rev. Norm Finke's family in your prayers.

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

Intentional Transitional Pastor Events: Have you wondered exactly what Intentional Transitional (aka Intentional Interim) Ministry is or if it is right for you? Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association (LuTMA) has an upcoming online [discernment event](#) and [basic training event](#). [Learn more](#)

Set Apart to Serve FREE Curriculum: *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)*, an initiative of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, is now making its new church work recruitment curriculum available for congregations to order. Lutheran schools may also still place orders if they have not yet done so. The number of kits available is limited, so order your free kit now. [Learn more](#)

Young Adult Volunteers: The 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering, themed "Endure" (Heb. 12:1-3), will bring thousands of LCMS youth and adults to New Orleans. Volunteers are a highly valued and deeply needed element of the Gathering experience and its overall success. Adults ages 19-25 are encouraged to prayerfully considering serving as a Young Adult Volunteer. [Learn more](#)

Pastors Wives Retreat: Pastors' wives, widows, and vicars' wives are invited to the 2024 Pastors' Wives Retreat at Camp Lone Star, September 27-29! The theme is "Be Still" based on Psalm 46:10. Please click the "learn more" link for more information and a registration link and code. [Learn more](#)

Church Worker Free Retreats: Generous property owners are making these Christian- and LCMS-owned properties available for church worker retreats. The stay is free--you just have to get there. Use the contact info on the following websites to connect:

- High Torr Estate - Purcellville, VA // [Learn more](#)
- Wellspring Ranch - Nathrop, CO // [Learn more](#)
- Eden Above the Sea - Waikoloa Village, HI // [Learn more](#)

Petal Pushers: Do you want to be a Petal Pusher--helping to decorate the Lutheran Hour Ministries float and other floats in the annual New Year's Day Rose Parade? Registration is now open for this opportunity for Christian witness and fellowship. [Learn more](#)

Professional Church Workers Conference: Registration for the 2024 Professional Church Workers Conference at Redeemer, Austin on October 14-15 is now open! Early bird registration ends September 15. [Learn more](#)

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RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Mission Insight // The Secret to the Secret Place: The solution to your ministry is not going to be found in a new strategy, a new ministry tool, or attending a new conference. Those things can be helpful, BUT the ultimate solution is found in the Secret Place... [Learn more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2024 // Pastor's Wives Retreat // [Learn More](#)

OCTOBER 14-15, 2024 // Professional Church Workers Conference // [Learn More](#)

JUNE 5-7, 2025 // Texas District Convention // More Info Coming Soon

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